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1. IN A MAY 4 LETTER, SENT BY INTERNATIONAL MAIL, SOVIET
PROJECT LEADER KOLBASOV PROPOSED TO US COUNTERPART YOST THAT
US DELEGATION ON SUBJECT PROJECT ARRIVE IN MOSCOW SEPTEMBER
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2. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER TO KOLBASOV
WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV:

AUGUST 2, 1978 02.11-11

DR. O. S. KOLBASOV
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CHIEF, LEGAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS SECTION
INSTITUTE OF STATE AND LAW
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ULITSA FRUNZE, 10
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DEAR DR. KOLBASOV:

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN SEPTEMBER AND I HOPE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL IN PLANNING OUR VISIT.

OUR DELEGATION OF SEVEN PERSONS PLANS TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 7 FOR TWO WEEKS. I WILL SEND YOU EXACT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. WE EXPECT THE DELEGATION TO BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

NICHOLAS C. YOST, GENERAL COUNSEL, COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - DELEGATION CHAIRMAN.

JAMES MOORMAN, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. MR. MOORMAN DIRECTS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S LITIGATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

LEO KRULITZ, SOLICITOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. MR. KRULITZ DIRECTS THE LEGAL STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT PRIMARILY CHARGED WITH PROTECTION OF THE NATION'S NATURAL RESOURCES. KHRISTINE HALL, SIERRA CLUB LEGAL DEFENSE FUND. MS. HALL HAS BEEN A LAWYER FOR THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL AND NOW OCCUPIES A SIMILAR POSITION WITH THE SIERRA CLUB. SHE HAS ALSO BEEN A PROFESSOR OF LAW AND A VISITING SCHOLAR IN THE SOVIET UNION.

OLIVER HOUCK, GENERAL COUNSEL, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION. THE FEDERATION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATIONS
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CONCERNED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

PHILIP PRYDE, PROFESSOR, SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY. SCHOLAR AND AUTHOR OF ONE OF THE LEADING AMERICAN WORKS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE SOVIET UNION.

NICHOLAS ROBINSON, SIERRA CLUB. MR. ROBINSON HAS LONG BEEN ACTIVE IN THE INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THIS CITIZENS' ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATION. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE PREVIOUS DELEGATION TO THE SOVIET UNION.

WE PROPOSE TO PRESENT PAPERS ON THE SUBJECTS OF (1) HOW CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS OPERATE IN THE US TO PRESS FOR EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ADHERENCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS (MR. ROBINSON) AND ON (2) COMPARING THE WATER POLLUTION LAWS OF THE US AND THE USSR (MS. HALL).

WE WOULD EXPECT A GENERAL THEME TO CONCERN LEGAL FORMS OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE US AND USSR. THIS MIGHT INCLUDE STRENGTHENING OF CONTACTS AMONG NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS IN NATURE PROTECTION, TOGETHER WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TWO NATIONS.

WE FURTHER PROPOSE TO DISCUSS (1) THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE OPERATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS (MR. YOST); (2) HOW NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INFLUENCE GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS (MR. HOUCK); (3) TECHNIQUES AND POLICIES USED TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL LAWS (MR. MOORMAN); AND, (4) HOW MANUFACTURING FACILITIES ORGANIZE INTERNALLY TO ASSURE THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES WILL BE ADHERED TO (MR. ROBINSON).

IN ADDITION TO THOSE MATTERS YOU DECIDE ARE OF INTEREST, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM THE SOVIET SIDE ABOUT (1) THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES IN THE SOVIET UNION OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS AND ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS; (2) PLANNING FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRIAL OR OTHER FACILITY SITE SELECTION FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE PUBLIC'S RELATIONSHIP IN THE PROCESS; (3) THE STATE COMMITTEE ON HYDROMETEOROLOGY AND CONTROL OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND, (4) THE OPERATION OF NATURE PRESERVES AND PARKS.

WE HOPE THAT WE MAY MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MASS ORGANIZATIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WILL DESIGNATE MR. ROBINSON AS THE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FURTHER SUCH MEETINGS.

WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION AND JUDGMENT WHAT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL AND INTERESTING IN THE WAY OF AN ITINERARY. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT ONE OR MORE OF THE PRESERVES OR NATIONAL PARKS, SUCH AS LAKHEMAA, IF THIS CAN BE ARRANGED CONVENIENTLY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

NICHOLAS C. YOST
GENERAL COUNSEL
COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
US LEADER, PROJECT 02.11-11 VANCE

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